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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, MY, US

SUBJECT: MALAYSIAN PURCHASE OF SIKORSKY HELICOPTERS

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATION FROM UNITED TECHNOLOGIES INTERNATIONAL COVERING GOM PURCHASE OF 20 ADDITIONAL S-61 SIKORSKY HELICOPTERS PLUS ACCESSORIES AS OUTLINED IN MINDEF DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL'S JUNE 19 LETTER TO DCM. TOTAL PRICE TAG IS OVER 57 MILLION DOLS.

2. WE SEE NO DIFFICULTIES AT THIS TIME IN APPROVING LICENSE, ALTHOUGH IT WILL OF COURSE BE SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT AND INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC IN ARMS REGULATIONS (ITAR). WE HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL'S PROPOSED METHOD OF FINANCING. YOU SHOULD, HOWEVER, INSURE THAT GOM FULLY UNDERSTANDS THAT USE OF FMS FINANCING FOR DOWNPAYMENT ON THIS PURCHASE DOES NOT RPT NOT IMPLY COMMITMENT OF FMS FUNDS
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IN FUTURE YEARS TO COVER BALANCE OF COST.

3. GOM SHOULD ALSO BE MADE AWARE THAT CURRENT LAW REQUIRES THAT PROPOSED COMMERCIAL EXPORTS OF THIS MAGNITUDE BE REPORTED TO CONGRESS AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE AN EXPORT LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED THEREFOR. THIS REPORT MUST BE IN UNCLASSIFIED FORM, EXCEPT THAT INFORMATION RELATIVE TO DOLLAR VALUE AND DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE ARTICLES INVOLVED MAY BE CLASSIFIED WHERE "THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE THEREOF WOULD BE CLEARLY DETRIMENTAL TO THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES". NOTING THAT GOM HAS CLASSIFIED DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL'S JUNE 19 LETTER, WE WONDER WHETHER GOM EXPECTS THAT SALE WILL CONTINUE TO BE TREATED AS SUCH FROM THIS END ONCE PROCESSING STARTS. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, WE WOULD PREFER THAT MATTER BE HANDLED ON UNCLASSIFIED BASIS BECAUSE -- QUITE APART FROM MEETING THE STATUTORY STANDARDS AND MORE CUMBERSOME NATURE OF CLASSIFIED HANDLING -- RISK OF LEAK IS ALWAYS PRESENT. (RECENT SINGAPORE REQUEST FOR LETTER OF OFFER ON PURCHASE OF F-5ES IS CASE IN POINT HERE). MIGHT BE NOTED IN THIS CONNECTION THAT UNCLASSIFIED CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION DOCUMENT OF MARCH 1976 SPECIFICALLY INDICATES GOM INTENTION TO PURCHASE THIS QUANTITY OF HELICOPTERS IN FY 76. PLEASE ADVISE. ROBINSON

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